

STATE NEWS.

FROM CURRITUCK TO CHEROKEE.

Items of Interest Gleaned from Our Correspondents and Exchanges.

Senator Simmons declares North Carolina will send a solid Democratic delegation to Congress.

The Raleigh dispensary makes it a rule to sell not over one dozen bottles of beer to any one person in a day.

Governor Aycock's son is better, and he resumes the canvass, but will make only one speech outside the State, and that in Baltimore.

The number of rural free delivery mail routes in North Carolina now reaches 726, thus showing a growth of nearly 50 per cent in twelve months.

The Southern Railway is doubling the capacity of its shops at Spencer, and will employ 4,000 men there. The shops will be among the largest in the South, and the greatest on the entire system.

S. E. Asbury, who has for a number of years been in the State experiment Station here, goes to Texas, to become assistant chemist at the Agricultural College and State Experiment Station.

A Greensboro attorney has brought suit against the Southern Railway for \$25,000 damages for the killing of W. T. Ellis in the Newmarket, Tenn., wreck. Ellis was from Ore Hill, Chatham County.

Hereafter persons who enlist in military companies in North Carolina must undergo a medical examination. No persons will be enlisted under 21 years of age, and those between 18 and 21 must show written consent of parents.

The State Auditor reports 13,316 Confederate pensioners, an increase over last year of 1,148. There are 4,850 widows who get \$14 annually, and 7,428 soldiers who get the same sum, while 551 receive \$35; 193 receive \$45, and 94 receive \$60.

Secretary Bruner, of the State Agricultural Department, has returned to Raleigh from the exposition in St. Louis, where he has been on duty for over a year. He says North Carolina won 78 awards, five grand prizes on tobacco, mining and forestry, twelve gold medals, twelve silver medals, the others being bronze.

The Union Guano Company, organized by Winston-Salem capitalists and incorporated under the laws of North Carolina, will establish two large independent fertilizer plants, one in Winston-Salem and the other in Norfolk, Va. The gentlemen behind the new concern say they will have their plants in operation in time for the spring trade, and that the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company will not have any interest in the enterprise.

Col. Olds: In an interview with State Secretary T. B. Parker, of the North Carolina Alliance, regarding the order, he said: "We are organ-

ized in about forty counties; not as well organized as they ought to be anywhere, but we are pushing the work. The latest county organized is Mecklenburg, and letters from there say that deep interest is manifested in the order. We will do more organization work after the election as we do not wish to have even a suspicion of having anything to do with politics."

Raleigh Cor. Messenger: The first marriage in the penitentiary here occurred this afternoon—Ellen Kelly, a young white woman of Moore County, who at noon completed a year's term, and James A. Marley, of Liberty, being the contracting parties. He had written her he would meet her in the prison and marry her immediately. The officials assented. Justice M. B. Barbee, a Mexican War veteran, performed the ceremony. The woman's conduct had been so good during her term as to be praised by the officials. Her offense was mainly due to ignorance. She had no money or counsel.

The Populist State Executive Committee announces the following electoral ticket for supporters of Tom Watson: Electors at large, James H. Sherrill, of Catawba; James B. Lloyd, of Edgecombe. First District, William M. King, of Pitt. Second, Frank B. Lloyd, of Edgecombe. Third, Dr. Jas. L. Nicholson, of Onslow. Fourth, Hill E. King, of Wake. Fifth, W. F. Strowd, of Orange. Sixth, David H. Senter, of Harnett. Seventh, W. C. Wilcox, of Moore. Eighth, William J. H. Kerr, of Iredell. Ninth, Dr. Jno. B. Alexander, of Mecklenburg. Tenth, Andrew J. Long, of Jackson.

Col. Olds: While in nearly every county in the State the open season for partridges does not begin until November 1, in a few counties it begins October 15th, which is much too early. The result is that birds are on sale here, for example, where the season does not open until November 1st, and when the people offering them for sale are questioned by the officers, they declare that they got them from Granville County, or one or two other counties where the season is open already. The law certainly ought to be uniform. Birds were offered in a restaurant here this week, and some of them were not half grown.

The Mexican Herald, of Mexico City, Mexico, has this to say of the late General Ransom: Dear, kindly Matt Ransom, erstwhile American Minister here, in the days before there was an embassy. He was the pink of courtesy, a real chevalier, romantic in a way, always Chesterfieldian, even to the point of making the most polite Mexicans despair of rivaling him. In his solitary walks Minister Ransom liked the Alameda, and the Paseo de la Reforma, then not built up. He was fond of gorgeous sunsets, volcano tops tinged with pink, a pretty girl's bright eyes, a noble horse, and all of God's good things. He was a stately figure anywhere, and his manners were of the fine old Southern school. He should be made an archangel; he had the figure and the dignity. His language was choice and he was nice about verbal usages. To know him was to love him, for he was a man of personal charm.

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In reality the De Laval won double highest honors, since the Creamery Package Mfg. Co., chief agents for the sale of its factory machines, also carried off a Grand Prize for its magnificent exhibit of creamery and dairy apparatus and supplies.

The De Laval machines are very much in evidence at St. Louis. Aside from their own large display one is used in the operation of the Exposition Model Dairy, one in the Jersey Barn, one with the Shorthorn Herd, another is found in the Educational Building, and still another in the United States Experimentation Station.